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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

:

Max BACHMANN

Serial no.

:

FINAL DRIVE FOR DRIVING A VEHICLE WHEEL

For Docket

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please cancel paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 16 of the specification, in their entirety, in favor of a clean form of paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13 and 16 of the specification, without any markings thereon, as follows. Accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the specification which show the addition(s) (by underlining, highlighting and bold) and the deletion(s) (by strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-15, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 16-29 as follows.